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SUBJECT: BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON GERMAN POLICY - 2ND DAY

REF: BONN 1738

1. THE SECOND DAY OF THE BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON GERMAN  
POLICY WAS SHARPER THAN THE OPENING SCHMIDT-CARSTENS  
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ROUND, WITH THE FOCUS ON BERLIN. THE CDU'S ABELEIN

SET THE TONE, ASSERTING THAT BERLIN WAS BETTER OFF BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF THE FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT THAN IT IS NOW. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IMPROVEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE CONCERNING TRANSIT, THE STATUS OF WEST BERLIN AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE FRG HAD BECOME UNCERTAIN. THIS THEN WAS ALSO TAKEN UP BY OTHER CDU REPRESENTATIVES FROM BERLIN INCLUDING KUNZ AND WOHLRABE.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND SPD PARLIAMENTARY GROUP CHAIRMAN WEHNER DEFENDED THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE AND CHALLENGED THE OPPOSITION TO COME UP WITH SOME SUBSTANTIVE POLICY SUGGESTIONS.

3. COMMENT: THIS PORTION OF THE DEBATE IN MANY WAYS RESEMBLED A BERLIN ELECTION CAMPAIGN RALLY, AND THE THOUGHTS OF THE SPEAKERS WERE CLEARLY ON THE MARCH 2 ELECTION. CDU SOURCES HAVE EMPHASIZED TO US THAT ALTHOUGH THE OPPOSITION NATURALLY HAS TO TAKE ISSUE WITH THE GOVERNMENT ON OSTPOLITIK, THE CDU/CSU DOES NOT QUESTION THE BINDING NATURE OF THE EASTERN TREATIES AND THE INNER-GERMAN AGREEMENT. THEY HAVE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT ALTHOUGH ABELEIN IS THE CDU SPOKESMAN ON GERMAN POLICY, HE HAS VERY LITTLE TO DO WITH FORMULATING IT. END COMMENT  
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